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SUBJECT: BRAZIL'S MINISTRY OF MINES AND ENERGY SENDS A DELEGATE
TO THE LOS CONFERENCE

1. SUMMARY. THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND ENERGY IS SENDING
A REPRESENTATIVE TO JOIN BRAZIL'S LOS DELEGATION IN NEW
YORK. EMBASSY BELIEVES USDEL LOS MIGHT FIND PERSONAL
CONTACT WITH HIM PRODUCTIVE. END SUMMARY.

2. LEONARDO MANGEON, A SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO MINES AND
ENERGY MINISTER SHIGEAKI UEKI, IS JOINING BRAZIL'S DELE-
GATION TO THE LOS CONFERENCE. HE WILL ARRIVE IN NEW
YORK ON APRIL 27. HIS MAIN INTEREST IN THE LOS NEGOTIA-
TIONS IS DEEP SEABED MINING. HE ALSO HAS AN INTEREST
IN THE QUESTION OF COASTAL STATE JURISDICTION IN THE
ECONOMIC ZONE.

3. MANGEON, A FORMER LEADER GRANTEE, IS 36 YEARS OLD.
HE HAS A GEOLOGY DEGREE FROM A UNIVERSITY IN HIS HOME
STATE OF RIO GRANDE DO SUL, AND HE STUDIED FOR A YEAR
AT THE FRENCH ATOMIC ENERGY SCHOOL. MANGEON HAS SERVED
AS A SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO TWO MINISTERS OF MINES AND
ENERGY SINCE 1972. PRIOR TO THAT HE SERVED AS A
GOVERNMENT GEOLOGIST -- FROM 1962 TO 1970 WITH BRAZIL'S
NUCLEAR ENERGY COMMISSION (CNEN), AND SUBSEQUENTLY
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WITH THE GOB'S MINERALS RESEARCH COMPANY

(CPRM). IN THE 1966-67 ACADEMIC YEAR, MANGEON HELD THE POSITION OF PROFESSOR OF GEOLOGY IN SEDIMENTOLOGY AT THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY IN RIO DE JANEIRO. LAST WEEK PRESIDENT GEISEL AWARDED MANGEON THE ORDER OF RIO BRANCO, THE GOB'S HIGHEST AWARD TO CIVILIANS.

4. FLUENT IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH, MANGEON HAS BECOME UIKI'S DE FACTO LIAISON WITH THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY AND THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. MANGEON IS WELL-LIKED AND WELL-RESPECTED BY EMBASSY PERSONNEL. OVER THE YEARS HE HAS DEVELOPED A PERSONAL AFFECTION FOR THE US.

5. MANGEON ATTENDS CERTAIN SESSIONS OF BRAZIL'S NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL AND ITS COMMITTEES DEALING WITH BORDER AREA ACTIVITIES, WITH MINING AND ENERGY ACTIVITIES, AND WITH LOS. HE HAS GOOD RELATIONS WITH MANY SENIOR MILITARY OFFICIALS THROUGH HIS WORK IN NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES, AND THROUGH HIS RELATIONSHIPS WITH A NUMBER OF KEY RETIRED MILITARY WHO HAVE WORKED IN THE MINISTRY OR ITS AFFILIATED COMPANIES (FOR EXAMPLE, IN HIS CAPACITY AS SPECIAL ASSISTANT HE SAYS HE CAME TO KNOW PRESIDENT GEISEL WHEN GEISEL WAS PRESIDENT OF THE STATE-OWNED OIL COMPANY, PETROBRAS). THERE ARE RUMORS THAT THE BRAZILIAN MILITARY WILL GIVE MANGEON AN IMPORTANT AWARD IN SEVERAL MONTHS.

6. MANGEON SHARES UEKI'S VIEW THAT BRAZIL SHOULD GIVE MORE FOREIGN POLICY ATTENTION TO ITS LONG RUN INTERESTS WITH THE FIRST WORLD. MANGEON HAS A WIDE-RANGING, KEEN MIND AND A SPECIAL INTEREST IN FOREIGN POLICY.

6. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT USDEL LOS MIGHT FIND PERSONAL CONTACT WITH MANGEON PRODUCTIVE.
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